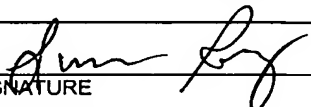


Form PTO-1390 TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		ATTORNEY'S DOCUMENT NUMBER: 08146.0007U1
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP2003/010883		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/530/156
INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE October 1, 2003		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED October 2, 2002
TITLE OF INVENTION: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR EXTRACTING LIQUID SAMPLES		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: SANN, Heiner, BOCK, Andreas, and REICHL, Udo		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. 4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31). 5. <input type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto. b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. 8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). 9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). 10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). 		
Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, IDS List of references and copies of Cites A3-A14. 12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. <input type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment. 14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76. 15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification. 16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. 17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821-1.825. The contents of the paper copy and the computer-readable form of the Sequence Listing submitted herewith are the same and include no new matter, as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.821(f). 18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 20. Other items or information: 		

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The following fees have been submitted				CALCULATIONS	PTO USE ONLY
21. <input type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee \$300.00				\$ 0.00	
22. <input type="checkbox"/> Examination fee					
If written opinion prepared by ISA/US or the IPER prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) \$ 0.00				\$ 0.00	
All other situations \$200.00					
23. <input type="checkbox"/> Search Fee					
If written opinion prepared by ISA/US or the IPER prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) \$ 0.00				\$ 0.00	
If Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2) in International Application to USPTO as ISA) \$100.00					
ISR prepared by an ISA other than the US and provided to USPTO \$400.00					
All other situations \$500.00					
TOTAL OF 21, 22 AND 23 =				\$ 0.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.					
Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	No. of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number)	RATE		
- 100	/ 50 =		X \$250	\$ 0.00	
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).				\$ 0.00	
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE		
Total claims	[****] - 20 =	*****	X \$50.00	\$ 0.00	
Independent claims	[***] - 3 =	*****	X \$200.00	\$ 0.00	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+ \$360.00	\$ 0.00	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$ 0.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above are reduced by 1/2 -				\$ 0.00	
SUBTOTAL =				\$ 0.00	
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 months <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).				\$ 0.00	
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =				\$ 0.00	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31) \$40.00 per property +				\$ 0.00	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =				\$ 0.00	
				Amount to be refunded:	\$
				charged:	\$
<p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the above fees is enclosed.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No.14-0629 in the amount of \$_____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0629. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.</p> <p>e. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3), the Commissioner is hereby requested and authorized to treat any concurrent or future reply in the above-identified application, requiring a petition for an extension of time for its timely submission, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time.</p>					
<p>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137 (a) or (b) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.</p>					
<p>SEND ALL TO THE ADDRESS ASSOCIATED WITH: : Customer No. 23859</p>					
<p style="text-align: right;">  SIGNATURE Sumner C. Rosenberg NAME 28,758 REGISTRATION NUMBER </p>					